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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to reorient research and development activities of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR);

(b) if so,whether there is a need to revise the course curriculum of agricultural education to make it more relevant; and

(c) if so,the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes,Sir.The reorientation of research and development activities and their prioritization is a continuing process in ICAR.In order to address the emerging challenges faced by Indian Agriculture, ICAR has reoriented its research agenda initiating research projects on quality seed; climate change; organic farming; transgenics; insect bio-systematic; veterinary type cultures; gene pyramiding; allele mining; marker assisted breeding etc.

(b) & (c): Yes,Sir.ICAR constituted IVth Deans Committee to recommend need based changes in the course curriculum.All the Agricultural Universities have been advised to adopt the revised course curriculum as recommended by the said Committee.